

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION

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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

MASK HANDLING METHOD, AND MASK AND DEVICE OR APPARATUS  
COMPRISING A GRIPPER THEREFOR, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD  
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).4. 21 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims);5. ☐ Specification in non-English language6. 25 Numbered claim(s); and7. ☒ Drawings: 5 Sheet(s) ☒ 1 set informal;8. ☐ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

EUROPE

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(1) 01301864.3	1 MARCH 2001	(2)	
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11. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
in U.S. Application No. 1 filed on \_\_\_\_\_12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_13. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete item 14 or 15.)

14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

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designated the U.S. and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English15. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☒ not needed ☐ previously filed17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not essential to make claim)17(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

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19. ☒ Attached: Form PTO-1449 and listed documents

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):  
(Listing of inventor(s) not a requirement, but list if known)

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21. NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, "X" box ☐ and list additional inventors on attached sheet (incorporated by reference)

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